

STRATHCONA NEWS

MAYOR SUGGESTS THAT AGREEMENT BE CANCELLED
Strathcona May Proceed to Negotiate With the Local Government to Install a Government Telephone System.

In the commodities new city council chamber at the Oldfield's Hotel, the Strathcona City Council met for its first meeting last night.

The chair was occupied by Mayor Mills, and at the other end of the table sat the secretary-treasurer, H. G. Clark. To the left of the mayor were Aldermen V. T. Richards, O. Bush, W. H. Sheppard and George Elliott, in the order named. To the right were Aldermen J. G. Tipton, W. F. Cameron, S. Cameron and A. G. Baslin.

The business was mostly routine after the appointment of committee. The mayor read his address, outlining some of the work for the coming year. Its principal feature was the suggestion that Strathcona enter the agreement with Edmonton with reference to the proposed Limerick automatic telephone and proceed to negotiate with the local government to have them install a system in the city.

The First Business.

City Clerk Clark first read a certificate declaring that all the members elected had taken the oath of office, and was then called upon to read the minutes of the last meeting. The mayor pointed out that Alderman Clark and himself were the only members of the old council left to move the adoption of the minutes of the last meeting. Alderman Sheppard, to take the chair while he accepted the nomination of the members of the council, was elected.

The following committee was then named to nominate the various committees: Mayor Mills and Aldermen Bush, Elliott, Cameron and Baslin. While they were preparing their report the council adjourned.

The Committees.

Upon the return of the committee, the chairman, Alderman Mills, reported the following standing committees: Finance—Aldermen Sheppard, Richards and Baslin. Fire and Light—Aldermen Richards, Tipton and Bush. Sewer and Water—Aldermen Bush, Tipton and Richards. Board of Works—Aldermen Elliott, Cameron and Somersell. Parks, Legislation and Licenses—Aldermen Tipton, Cameron and Elliott. City Hall and Personnel—Aldermen Somersell, Elliott and Bush. Hospital and Relief—Aldermen Cameron, Sheppard and Baslin. Reception and Industrial—Baslin, Sheppard and Somersell.

The committee also recommended that Aldermen Cameron and Sheppard be appointed as members of the hospital board.

The Mayor's Address.

The mayor then read the following address: (Laudation of the Council.)—It is commendable that the general programme for the council of the year has been outlined. Matters which are not mentioned here and which will be fundamental to the year will undoubtedly arise for your consideration during the year, and no doubt will receive your earnest attention at the proper time. The prospects of this city at the beginning of a year have never appeared so bright as now. In addition to an immense amount of private building for which preparations are being made, government building and railway construction work within the city will call for all available labor. It is our duty, therefore, to be alive to the needs of the city at all points, and wherever possible to be anticipated and attended to, the value of such service to the city is greatly enhanced. Personally, I believe that before the year is out every citizen will have a greater pride than he ever has in his being a citizen of the University City.

"Twin Cities" Club.

I note with the utmost satisfaction the movement towards establishing a "Twin Cities" Club. This is a step in the right direction, and in addition to the results which will flow from such an organization, it will have the best of increasing the work relation ship now existing between the cities of Strathcona and Edmonton.

By virtue of the ward system the citizens of all parts now have been represented in this council. This will no doubt result beneficially. Hereafter who now constitutes ward 1 and 2 did not, to my mind, have that degree of consideration from the council which their requirements and data have demanded. Particularly true is this of ward 1. But while the requirements of the various wards are many, yet we must be exceedingly careful to see that all are given equal consideration. Retrenchment by no means careful consideration of the expenditures must be the watchword of this council. I believe that the council must be able to provide for the present yet be able to provide for the future. Yet we are not to be misled by the growth and needs of the city as the highest kind of council management is required.

Amendments to City Charter.

One of the first subjects to which we must require to take immediate steps are certain necessary amendments to the city charter, notice for which have been given in the Star. It is most important of those relate to the secretary-treasurer and the council.

The city assessor for the ensuing year should be appointed as soon as possible, in order that he may have the time necessary for his work. It might be some time before you are able to say that the City of Strathcona has about 11,000 lot assessments on the roll, while the city of Edmonton has about 12,000 lot assessments on the roll. The office in the city of Edmonton is a continuing one, and the assessor in Edmonton is at work from January 1st to December 31st.

I believe that you will find it most important that immediate steps be taken to secure sufficient gravel for streets and other necessary paving for the year when the gravel can be secured and while a large number of teams are idle in the city. I would strongly urge you to

The question of another traffic bridge between the two cities has been discussed for some time. In the event of the building of a traffic bridge in conjunction with the proposed C.P.R. bridge being found impracticable, I believe the provincial government could be induced to consider the matter of constructing a bridge at a new central point between the two cities as a provincial undertaking.

Automatic Telephone System.

Early last year this city entered into an agreement with the city of Edmonton regarding the extension of the automatic system of telephones in the city. At that time it was agreed by both parties to the agreement that the joint system would be a operation in both cities months ago. Interference delays have occurred with the system so that it will still be some time before Edmonton has their own system completed. In the meantime a number of prospective patrons have greatly increased in both cities. The result, I understand, that the situation will at once require greatly increased plant to meet the requirements of their own citizens. I do not think that our sister city will regard it as a breach of faith, on our part, to ask to be released from this agreement. The provincial government has estimated its willingness to at once terminate the telephone system, here in Strathcona, to desire. The government rates will be considered lower in a municipality can afford to give, would naturally suggest that a special committee of this council be appointed to look into this matter and report at next meeting.

Electric Light and Power.

Another question which demands attention is the proper siting and extension of the electric light and power administration. Many complaints from citizens about being overcharged have come in. In addition, I firmly believe that light can be secured much more cheaply than we now do. I believe that a desirable result would be to have a committee of citizens and auditing the accounts as the system now obtains, accounts to find out to council and refer to council to various committees. I am, however, not sure that I do not wish to consider any account, but the chairman of the committee certifies to the accuracy of itself. The chairman knows very well anything about the subject matter of the account and has not let it be allowed to let it be paid, with the result that the security of accounts is often very perfunctory. I would suggest that the whole council not a single individual be entrusted with the matter of such accounts should be paid. This will, of course, involve the auditing of accounts before they are paid, and before they reach the council, but it is a wholesome safeguard to the city.

During the past year the city took up the extension of Strathcona, and some portion has been received. Owing, however, to a depreciation arising between the city and the various property owners, it is stated, it was thought best to discontinue until this matter was adjusted. In a few days I trust to all obstacles in the way of a survey received.

With the acquisition of what is now known as "Riverside Park," this city will be well supplied with parks, and for the reason attention will need to be given towards the improvement of the park.

Transportation Facilities. Probably the most important matter which you will have to deal with is of increased transportation facilities and railway extension into the city. This is a matter which will call for the most and most careful consideration in the part of this council.

Necessity of sewers and water mains will early have to be considered. Another necessary matter will be required to the University of Alberta, and the provision for people tanks, as the city will not be permitted to go on without.

Last year a market site was secured by the city. It will be for you to consider the matter of improving the same. This present site has the winter pool, and is totally inadequate for the purpose. A medical officer for the ensuing year will require to be appointed, and

looking no mistake will be made in looking closely after the efficiency of our police system. Street railway construction, railway construction and other works of a public nature will greatly increase our floating population, which, as a natural result, will be serving order in the future in providing for the system of government.

Commissioner System of Government. Last year the council adopted the plan of a system of government, but decided that two of government, were sufficient. I could not come to the same conclusion, and the council of the council was never carried out. This year removes from the shoulders of aldermen a great amount of tedious work and less of time spent in committee. I believe that the best possible system for governing a city will be for the council to elect the mayor when the proper time arrives.

It will be well as early as possible to have the estimates for the current year. Minutes of the year laid on the table, in order that arrangements may be made in connection with the session for construction work is on.

Owing to the various changes, both from amendments to the Strathcona Ordinance as a town and to the creation of the town of Strathcona into a city it will be well and to highly desirable that the council be thoroughly revised, and where amendment is necessary, that a by-law amendment be necessary, that the necessary amendments be introduced.

It is strongly urged also that after such revision and amendment that the by-laws of the city be printed, so that the people may know when they are committing a breach thereof. This will be a matter for the council committee to deal with, by different

views being set forth that proper conclusions can be reached, but I trust that all questions will be discussed in moderate and parliamentary language.

Communications.

Communications were read as follows: E. A. Fremonger, Strathcona, applying for information with reference to the situation offered for sale; W. H. Ruppel, manager of the Imperial Bank, stating that seven per cent. would be placed in future upon money loaned on debentures; Wm. Whyte, second vice-president of the C.P.R., in a letter to G. J. Kinnaird, Edmonton, with reference to the high-level bridge and the proposal that Edmonton and Strathcona contribute part towards the cost of traffic section of the high-level bridge.

The communications were filed, with reference to that from William Whyte, which was left on the table for future reference.

Unfinished Business.

The report of the milk and meat inspector, Dr. J. G. Wainwright, left over from last meeting, was read, but was not taken up for consideration, and left on the table till a later date. The main recommendation was for an inspection of dairies.

The estimate of Mr. Kelly, city electrician, with reference to the cost of running an electric wire to the former city engineer's house, was referred to the fire and light committee to report at next meeting.

The Library By-Law.

This by-law had been previously passed by the council, but on motion of Alderman Sheppard it was read over and the question of the library was left on the table for later consideration.

Notice was given of the introduction of a by-law at next meeting to provide for the appointment of a member of the council on the hospital board, so that that that applications be called for the position of medical health officer, to be all in by next Monday evening.

It was decided that the regular meeting of the council be held on Tuesday nights, the first meeting to be held the second Tuesday in the month.

The question of an auditor was discussed, and it was suggested that C. G. Cox be requested as city auditor or treasurer, and that the finance committee bring in a report at next meeting defining his duties and salary. An amendment, however, was carried that the matter be left over to next meeting.

The Council then adjourned.

NEW HOCKEY CLUB.

At a meeting of the amateur hockey element of Strathcona last night the decision was reached to form a new senior club to be known as the Strathcona Hockey Club. The chairman of the meeting was a large one, George Davison was appointed manager and R. H. Johnson secretary. It was decided to get into full practice at once and to make the amateur league entrance on the second.

YESTERDAY'S CURLING.

In the Sanderson Cup series yesterday afternoon G. P. Downes' rink defeated the rink of Mr. Thompson by a score of 16 to 1. Mr. Downes' rink was in his absence by Mr. Kinnear and Mr. Thompson. The rink of Mr. Downes were two good games last night the same series when skip E. B. Douglas defeated skip J. P. Reid 16 to 1 and skip W. G. Congdon defeated skip McMichael by a score of 16 to 9.

LOCALS.

The prizes to be awarded at the Carnival next Thursday are on exhibition at Blain's book store. There are a number of prizes.

The marriage took place at Hamilton on New Year's day of George F. Downes of Strathcona and Miss Mary Ann Reid of the former city.

The fire brigade was called out at 4:15 the morning of the fire at the house formerly occupied by E. A. M. McKenzie and now by Frank Krossa at the corner of 10th and 13th streets. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

The Strathcona city schools reopened yesterday after the Christmas holidays. A. E. Gardner, the east end school, has moved to the premises next door out of his present stand and B. White & Co. have rented his old premises.

The marriage took place at Whinlay last week of Miss Nellie Burnett, a young lady well known in Edmonton who attended Alberta College last year and Everett W. Graham of the law firm of Fullerton and Graham, Lacombe.

Miss Eva Slade, late organist of the Red Deer Baptist church, has come to Alberta College to take up a course of study and to give part of money by the congregation on the eve of her departure.

The presentation of the county "Mr. Bob" in the Edmonton Open House Monday and Tuesday evenings, Jan. 28 and 29, under the auspices of Beaver Lodge, Banquet, of the County promises to be one of the best of the season. Several thousands of "Mr. Bob" are expected to be present.

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